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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE:
"INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY - 1994"
STAMPS AND SOUVENIR CARDS

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

1. On Friday, 4 February 1994, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "International Year of the Family - 1994". The General Assembly proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family and the theme of the year is "Family: resources and responsibilities in a changing world". The stamps, illustrated below, were designed by Rocco Callari, a United Nations staff member.

Denomination:	29 cents	F.s. 0,80	S 5.50
Quantity:	590,000	535,000	650,000

Denomination:	45 cents	F.s. 1,00	S 8
Quantity:	540,000	535,000	650,000

2. The stamps were printed in lithography by Cartor S.A. (France) and measure 30.56 mm x 38 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 13). The horizontal sheets each contain 50 stamps.

3. Mr. Luis Sarda (Spain) and Mr. John De Santis (United States of America) created the computer graphics for this issue.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,80: 59 cents; F.s. 1,00: 74 cents; S 5.50: 51 cents and S 8: 74 cents - subject to exchange-rate fluctuations.)

SOUVENIR CARDS

4. The forty-fifth in a series of souvenir cards will also be released on 4 February 1994 to coincide with the "International Year of the Family - 1994" issue. The card, designed by John De Santis, depicts the six new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General.

5. A quantity of 78,000 cards was printed in lithography by Cartor S.A. (France). They will be available for a period of three months, while supplies last.

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet ONLY.

7. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, souvenir cards and first-day cancellations on Friday, 4 February 1994, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

8. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate thousands of people world wide about the activities and goals of the United Nations.